

judgements about its state of perfection. It comes as no surprise to find Mr. Ruiu now expressing the same veiled preoccupation in his "Making Waves" articles. This time it comes in the form of a slam against feminism. No small wonder, since feminists are trying to end the perception of women as objects. Let's look at the way Mr. Ruiu deals with the issue of pornography and censorship.

In addressing this issue Mr. Ruiu does nothing more than demonstrate his inability to deal with the issues openly and honestly, and instead, insists on distorting the facts and using blatant propaganda techniques to make his argument convincing. Case in point: his article on censorship contains nine fallacies — counterfeits of arguments. Namely, Mr. Ruiu uses Faulty Generalizations (lumping feminists in with incompatible groups and "the whole attitude is"), Unnecessary Vagueness (defines militant feminism and then reverts to using only feminism), Emotive Language (use of parentheses and quotes to draw question to legitimacy and invoke ridicule, also phrases like "Orwellian culture"), Damning the Origin (damning feminism because it's not male), No Proposed Solution (although Mr. Ruiu demonstrates a great ability to criticize everyone and everything), Stereotyping (assuming that all feminists who support censorship share the same attitudes in general), Over-simplification (which is blatant throughout the article), The Wicked Alternative (Mr. Ruiu attempts to sway us away from censorship by portraying it as such). On the basis of these findings it seems fair to conclude that Mr. Ruiu has not attempted to deal with the question of censorship openly and honestly, but rather has used the issue merely as a tool

to slam feminism. Of course for Mr. Ruiu this is justified, after all his column is called "Making Waves," or was that "Spreading Hate"? Regardless, the intention is the same.
Nora Deisman

(Editor's note: Mr. Ruiu has never written a fashion column for the Gateway.)

Re: Bookstore's tenacious tags

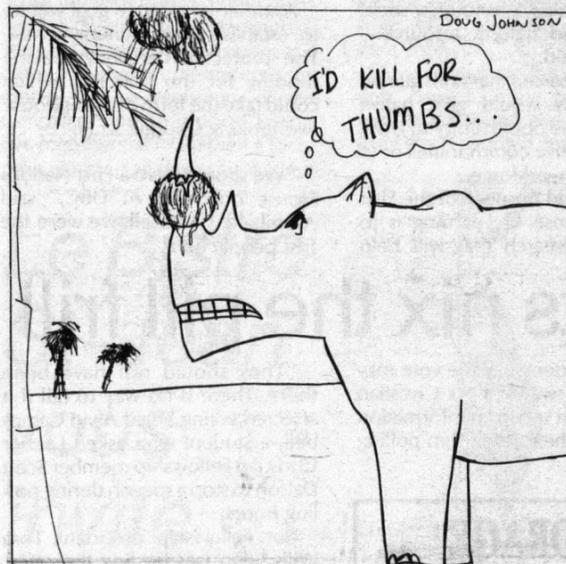
To the Editor:

One of the best parts of being a student, from my materialistic point of view, is the accumulation of books; I love my shelves and shelves of books for their covers almost as much as for their content — I will always spend the extra \$2 to get the Penguin Classic over the Granada. How unfortunate it is that the U of A bookstore insists upon placing their tenacious tags on the front cover. Many of the books I have bought at the bookstore have little bald spots on their bottom right-hand corners as a result of my battles with the unsightly tags. The bookstore will remove them for you, if you ask, with paint thinner from the back-room, but the employees seldom disguise their annoyance. Next year the bookstore will be introducing a supermarket style, laser and barcode system, with large barcodes strategically placed to destroy beautiful Oxford University Press and Springer-Verlag covers, and even the Computer Science students will be cursing the computer age. Students unite! This is the worst insult the book connoisseur has faced since the advent of the "highlighter." At the very least, the bookstore should put their price tags on the back cover.
Adam Chippindale

A Letter to Keri...

Remember my bald father? We hear him screaming in the washroom. (Must be them roaches.) Well, every now and again my older brother Paul goes on a little rampage called "Drive Daddy insane." This emotional terror occurs most often right after long study periods, like exams. Well, last Christmas, right after exams, Paul was at his worst ever. He invited over friends for dinner and all throughout our family meal he joked about, "Dad skiing with his tight pants on, the wind blowing back what little hair he has" and "How Dad is really unemployed and goes to the park every day to feed the pigeons." His friends giggle knowing it is not polite to laugh about such things. Now my father does not ski and I think he's not unemployed. Pop was not happy that night. Anyhow, Christmas Eve, in my opinion, was possibly Paul's peak for emotional terror, especially since he got Dad screaming at everyone who got within adequate barking distance. Well, since then, Paul's been rather mild. But exams are coming up soon.

Marc Simao

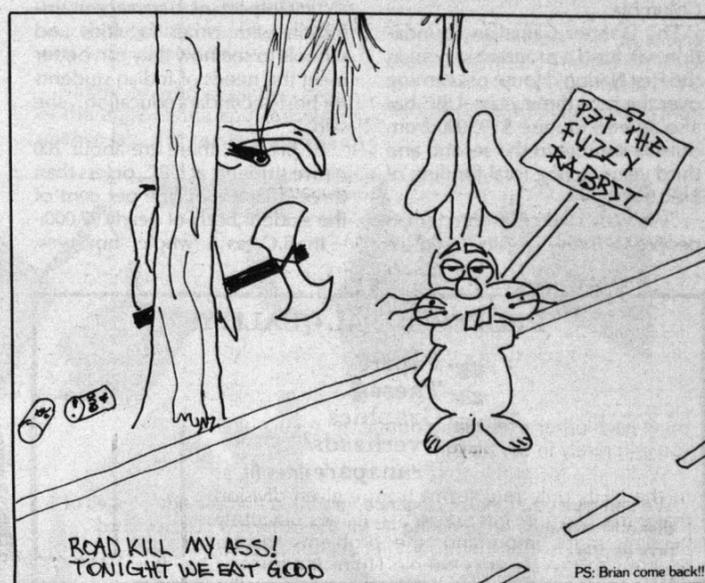


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